April 11, 2012 is the 44th anniversary of the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, Title VIII (Act), which guarantees the right to equal housing opportunities for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, and national origin. Amendments to the Act broadened the protections to include gender, families with children, and persons with disabilities, and the 1988 amendments to the Act required that reasonable accommodations be made for persons with disabilities.

Each year, the nation celebrates the rights granted under the Act during the month of April. The County of Los Angeles, through the Community Development Commission, supports and promotes fair housing activities throughout the County, in conjunction with the Housing Rights Center, the Fair Housing Foundation of Long Beach, and the San Fernando Valley Fair Housing Council. On April 25, 2012, the Housing Rights Center will hold its 13th Annual Housing Rights Summit with the theme "Creating Safe and Healthy Communities" to inform the community about issues concerning fair housing rights.

	<u>MOTION</u>
Molina	
Ridley-Thomas	
Knabe	
Antonovich	
Yaroslavsky	

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Proclaim April 2012 as Fair Housing Month in the County of Los Angeles, in order to recognize the value and importance of the rights guaranteed under Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and its amendments, and commit to the furtherance of the Act's goals and ideals throughout the year.

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In Recognition Of Fair Housing Month

WHEREAS, April 2012 marks the 44th anniversary of the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, Title VIII, (the Act) which guarantees the right to equal housing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Act guarantees the right to equal housing opportunities for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, and national origin; and

WHEREAS, amendments to the Act broadened the protections to include gender, families with children, and persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the 1988 amendments required that reasonable accommodations be made for persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles represents one of the most diverse jurisdictions in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles supports and promotes fair housing activities in the County of Los Angeles in conjunction with the Housing Rights Center, the Fair Housing Foundation of Long Beach, and the San Fernando Valley Fair Housing Council; and

WHEREAS, the nation annually celebrates the rights granted under the Act during the month of April, and

WHEREAS, the theme of the 13th annual Housing Rights Summit is "Creating Safe and Healthy Communities,"

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby proclaim April as Fair Housing Month in order to recognize the value and importance of the rights guaranteed under the Act, and its amendments, and commit to the furtherance of its goals and ideals throughout the year.